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Reply to Final Office Action of March 6, 2003 and Advisory Action of July 28, 2003

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 16-21 with the following new paragraph. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~strike-out~~):

The amino~~and acid~~ sequences are preferably selected from the group comprising the amino and acid sequences YCL VGG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 46), YCL VL~~SG~~ SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: ~~49~~ 47), YCL ATG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 48), YCL VSG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 49), YCL DSG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 50), YCL VVSG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 51), YCL ALAG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 52), YCL APSG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 54), and YCL VGR SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 53); The amino acid sequence is particularly preferably selected from the amino acid sequences YCL VGG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 46), YCL VL~~SG~~ SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 47), ~~AND~~ and YCL ATG SARQLTF (SEQ ID NO: 48).